

Bureau of Professional Licensing Acupuncture FAQs

1. When did Acupuncture Licensure begin in the State of Michigan?

Public Act 140 of 2019 changed the profession of Acupuncture from a registration to requiring a license. Acupuncture rules for licensure were promulgated on April 1, 2021.

2. What Acupuncturist license types are currently available?

- Acupuncturist License
- Limited Acupuncturist License (available to apply for until 3/31/2024)

3. How long are Acupuncturist licenses valid? Can I renew my licensure early? How will I know when I need to renew?

Your initial Acupuncturist license is valid for 2 years. All subsequent renewals will also be valid for 2 years.

Renewal begins 90 days prior to the expiration date of your current license.

Renewal notifications are mailed and emailed to the mailing and email addresses on record 90 days prior to the expiration date of the license. Remember to notify the Department in writing of any address change by submitting a MiPLUS modification. It is a licensee's responsibility to renew his or her license on time. Failure to receive the renewal notification, or to notify the Department of an address change, does not exempt a licensee from renewing their license on time.

You can renew online by logging into your MiPLUS account at www.michigan.gov/miplus. You may pay your renewal fee by using a debit or credit card containing a Discover, MasterCard, Visa, or American Express logo.

4. When do I have to meet the requirements for the completion of training in Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking?

Beginning with the 2018 renewal cycle, and all renewal cycles thereafter, licensees must have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meet the standards established in Administrative Rule 338.13002 in order to renew their license.

Beginning on April 22, 2021, individuals seeking initial licensure must have completed human trafficking training prior to obtaining a license as an Acupuncturist.

Licensees, or individuals seeking licensure, must complete the training in identifying victims of human trafficking only one time. The Department may select an audit sample and request documentation of proof of completion of the training.

5. **There have been changes to the Public Health Code and Administrative Rules that require licensees and individuals seeking licensure to complete implicit bias training. When does this take effect?**

Beginning June 1, 2022, completion of 2 hours of implicit bias training within the 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license or registration is required.

For initial renewals completed after June 1, 2022, completion of one hour of implicit bias training is required for each year of licensure since June 1, 2021. Once the initial renewal is completed, then 1 hour of implicit bias training will be required for each year of the current license cycle going forward. **Please note, this training must be completed for each renewal cycle prior to the renewal being completed.**

The Board conducts a random audit after each renewal period. At that time, a percentage of all licensees renewing will be randomly selected and notified by mail that they must submit evidence of having obtained their implicit bias training. If you are selected in an audit, then you will be required to submit a copy of your implicit bias training documentation. **(Please retain your original.)**

6. **Does my Implicit Bias Training count towards my CE hours?**

If otherwise permitted by the code and rules, this training may be used to satisfy other training or continuing education requirements.

7. **How do I file a complaint against a health care professional?**

Information on how to [File an Allegation Against a Health Care Licensee](#) can be located on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at: www.michigan.gov/bpl.

8. **Where can I find a copy of the Administrative Rules for Acupuncture?**

You may view [Administrative Rules](#) and other resources on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at: www.michigan.gov/bpl.